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Summary

After leaving Mystacor, the Crystal Gems join Adora, Bow, and Glimmer on a trek to the Crystal Castle to discover the truth behind Pearl's appearance there thousands of years ago. While not everything goes as planned, they continue to have wonderful adventures, and Adora declares her admiration for a new friend...

Notes

I have abbreviated Peridot as Peri apart from the first mention to make her more relatable.

Comments are welcome and appreciated.

Update on 12/15/24: A revised and revamped in version was posted on SquidgeWorld, which I entitled "Trek to the Crystal Castle: Pearl's Truth, Light Hope, and Adora's Admiration." The text of that version, which includes a division into four characters, and portrays Entrapta more positively, has been added here, overriding the previous text. This also means I divided the fic into four chapters.

See the end of the work for more notes

Chapter 1: Act I.

The crystalline structure glistened in the moonlight. The helicopter, which Amethyst had transformed herself into, touched down. Lapis and Peridot followed. Stevonnie, Bow, Glimmer, Garnet, and Amethyst looked at the structure almost with reverence. Adora stepped forward. Pearl was close behind. They entered the underground passageway. They were glad that the flying alicorn, Swift Wind, was not joining them on this quest. Glimmer shouted, "screw Swift Wind...he is so annoying. I'm glad he stayed back in Bright Moon. He's more trouble than he is worth." Adora was *not* a fan of this sentiment, as she deeply appreciated Swift Wind and all that he had sacrificed after she had accidentally made him into a talking horse, but Bow agreed with Glimmer. The Gems had no idea what they were talking about.

They made their way into the castle's main chamber. Creepily, Light Hope was waiting, almost like she was expecting them to come. It almost appeared she had some form of future vision, although she *had not* expected a samurai warrior, otherwise known as Samurai Jack, would come to the castle, as he had not long before. A mechanical voice broke the eerie and almost deafening silence. "Hello, Adora. What brings you here today?"

She explained how a diary, that Angella of Bright Moon had given her friends, contained an illustration of the Crystal Castle. To provide direct evidence of her claim, she turned to the page showing Rose, Pearl, and Maura, the previous She-Ra, so that Light Hope could see it for herself. Unfortunately for her, Light Hope was underwhelmed. "A book means nothing, nothing at all! Is *that* the reason you disturbed me today? Ugh."

Adora was perturbed. This was not the response she expected. If learning about herself, and Pearl, hadn't been so important, she never would have made the journey from Mystacor to the Crystal Castle. As such, she continued to persist in the hope that Light Hope would come around, realizing her inquiry was important. "I am here today because the Pearl drawn in that book is *with* us."

Since Light Hope's salty attitude and dismissiveness was getting them nowhere, Pearl decided to act. She stepped forward into the light and bowed before Light Hope in a manner of respect, thinking it was befitting of her. She announced herself like a servant to a member of royalty.

She chuckled awkwardly at Pearl's formality. It was a level of respect Adora *never* gave her. She was glad that Pearl was giving her such respect, treating her as something other than just a holographic projection created by the first settlers of the planet, the First Ones. Unfortunately, her overall attitude did not change.

The mechanical voice rang across the room. The words were cold and calculating. They had no emotion, like most computer-generated voices. "My memory banks recall you visited this location before. You were with a woman who called herself Rose, and with Maura, the previous She-Ra. Why have you come here today?"

Pearl was surprised by the question. She did not think Light Hope would ask her anything. Nevertheless, she attempted to answer it, to the best of her ability. She hoped that by answering, Adora would learn more about her past. Her answer was *more* about helping someone else rather than assisting herself. "Well, ma'am, I came here by accident. I didn't recall this place or planet. It's so different from the last time I was here."

Light Hope apologized for the circumstances they were under. Still, she stated that what Pearl and those with her had witnessed was *not* at all related to Adora. She saw Pearl as basically irrelevant and not important, a non-entity, even though she was anything but that. She turned herself to Adora. Typically, and to form, she demanded answers for why she had entered the Crystal Castle.

"So why did you really come here? This is a sacred place and I don't want to get involved in petty issues such as this. You need to..."

She stopped. It seemed like she was going to mouth the word "leave" but the whole word didn't come out. Almost like she was possessed, Light Hope's eyes turned blood red. It resembled what Adora looked like when she was corrupted, a horrifying experience. She shouted one word: "DIE!"

Bow was unsure what was happening, even though he suspected that Entrapta might be involved. While Peri did not know, like Bow, the whole background of Entrapta, her previous role in the Rebellion nor her present role in the Horde, she had a theory about what had happened. "She is hacked somehow. She wasn't supposed to say that."

Pearl looked in terror as huge red-eyed spiders entered the room, surrounding them all. There was no chance to escape. They seemed trapped, doomed to be poofed, shattered, or killed outright, depending on what kind of beings they were. Contemplating this, she shrieked. "Never mind that, we need to get out of here!"

Garnet was also very concerned. But she thought of it in a different way. As a person with stronger leadership skills than Pearl, she could prepare herself and her fellow comrades around her for battle. She tried to be as inspiring as she could. "Everyone team up! We can do this!"

All of them took what Garnet had told them to heart. In preparation for the fight, Stevonnie stood alongside Garnet, while Bow, Glimmer, and Amethyst came together. Peri had an idea which would fulfill her desire to measure up to the other Gems but... it was a bit unique. In order for this to work, she needed Lapis to be on board with this plan in its *entirety*. "Lapis, I know this isn't the best time, but I really think we need to fuse to defeat these awful monsters...otherwise they will shatter us and kill our new friends!"

Lapis smiled. After her previous fusion with Stevonnie in Mystacor, she was ready. The horrid fusion with Jasper, for a few months under the ocean, was in the past, not something to worry about. She had grown and matured since then. She was not the same person who had fused with Jasper. As the spiders closed in, their fusion, Amazonite, emerged. They were ready to fight...together.

With Amazonite and Stevonnie smashing apart the spiders, Amethyst, Bow, and Glimmer holding the other spiders at bay, they could hear Pearl reassuring Adora. The friendship between them was strengthening, although it had not reached a climax. "Remember your training...you are strong, Adora, I know it...you can take them down...I believe in you."

They both lunged at the spiders together, working in tandem. With all of them fighting, the spiders, despite their strength, were no match. Using their powers, they were able to escape the Crystal Castle. The structure was so weakened that after they got outside, it began showing signs of collapse. Amethyst turned into a helicopter. Everyone but Amazonite got in, as she flew alongside. They could see the Crystal Castle caving in on itself. What did this mean for Adora? And more importantly, *who* hacked Light Hope...and why? Those were questions that neither Adora nor those more knowledgeable with technology like Pearl, Peri (within the fusion with Lapis) or Bow could answer.

The helicopter touched down. Amazonite flew down to a nearby clearing in the Whispering Woods. Everyone tried to collect themselves over what had happened. No one expected the structure to topple. Had the Horde planned this whole thing in an effort to trap them there? Or did they have other plans? Adora was the most concerned of all, not surprisingly, about this development.

"I have never seen that before...the look in her eyes looked like corruption...but it also was different somehow...it was unfamiliar."

Bow didn't know how to follow up her comment. However, the battle had been tiresome, sapping all their energy. Like before, Glimmer had a suggestion. They would go to a place they could recharge, in a different way than their relaxation in the hot springs and cloud beach of Mystacor. They had been there before, but it was time to return. "How about we go to Plumeria...and meet Perfuma?"

Stevonnie, who had talked to Perfuma in Bright Moon, when they were un-fused as Steven and Connie, *loved* this idea. She embodied many of the characteristics that the Crystal Gems tried to display on a daily basis. After all, she had ensured that Angella was merciful on the Gems rather than doing something worse, like imprisoning them in the castle's spare room within an energy field of some kind, although that would not involve death. "Sounds great!...let's go!"

Chapter 2: Act II.

Chapter Notes

> Originally this, along with acts 1, 3, and 4, were part of a fic together as one, but when I posted it on Squidge World, I decided to split this into four chapters, which I am calling "acts."

As they entered Plumeria, they heard a squeal of excitement. A woman, wearing a pink flower crown, and a pink sundress with a green long-sleeved shawl, pink sandals, and pinkish coverings at the bottom of her legs, stood before them. It was Perfuma, with her light blonde hair, reaching to her waste, full of pink flowers, blowing in the breeze. She was so excited to see them. She easily recognized Adora, Glimmer, and Bow, but was not as familiar with Garnet, Amethyst, Pearl, Stevonnie, or even Amazonite. Still, she greeted them with open arms. Her confident voice boomed.

"Welcome to Plumeria, a simple kingdom with noble, gentle, peaceful, and optimistic people. It is centered by the wonderful Heart Blossom, the source of all my wonderful magical powers...to grow and control plant life!"

While she was not sure why they had visited, she was always glad to have visitors, especially those who wanted to turn the darkness of the world into light. Stevonnie and the Gems were especially interested in this wonderful, and mostly agricultural, kingdom. Its residents, who had big families, lived within yurts, tents, and other structures, making use of trees within their dwellings. These were places where people had lived for thousands of years. There were majestic trees and beautiful flowers dotting the landscape. However, this peacefulness and wonder was ignored by Adora. She addressed Perfuma with deep sorrow and confusion.

"We came...because the Crystal Castle collapsed in on itself...and we...I really don't know what to do now...how am I supposed to be She-Ra when my teacher is buried underneath rubble?"

She began to cry, almost like Lapis's outpouring of sadness and emotion in Mystacor. Back then, Stevonnie tried to calm down Lapis when she lamented about the painfulness of fusion, recalling her abusive fusion with Jasper. As tears ran down her cheeks, Adora tightly gripped Pearl's hand for support. She saw her as a friend to rely in these dark times. Perfuma reassured Adora she would do anything "for the She-Ra," and noticed that Adora was holding the hand of Pearl.

"Who is your new friend, that looks like a ballerina? I vaguely remember her from the war council in Bright Moon but I never got a proper introduction."

Pearl blushed, with bluish marks on her face. She was a bit embarrassed. Still, she was more than happy to tell Perfuma about herself. It was the chance she had been waiting for to make friends with the beings of Etheria. So, she jumped at the opportunity like an excited rabbit.

"I am Pearl, a gem of many skills...dedicated to guarding the Earth and all its living creatures from harm as a member of the Crystal Gems!"

Perfuma persisted, asking why she seemed so chummy with Adora and...why they were still holding hands. Pearl was not expecting such a question. She froze up, not knowing what to tell Performa. So, she awkwardly hesitated with an "um" and "well." Luckily for her, she was saved by Adora's directness, who got *right* to the point.

"I'm so done with *everyone* trying to figure out my relationships. She's my friend...and I'm never letting go! We will stay on this planet...together!"

Not only were Amethyst and the Gem fusions (Stevonnie, Amazonite, and Garnet) shocked by this display, but so were Glimmer and Bow. They *never* would have expected Adora to blurt out something like that, or for her to be so protective of someone she just met. They asked themselves what really happened when Pearl and Adora were in Bright Moon some days back. Sure, Bow and Peri were in the same room, but Pearl had erected a bubble of silence around both herself and Adora so neither Bow nor Peri could hear what they talked to each other about. Everyone else was unsure what this all meant.

While Glimmer was in a state of social confusion, Bow, like always, was more than willing to support Adora's decision. After all, they respected Entrapta's decision to join the Horde even though they profoundly disagreed with it and tried to convince her to change her mind. They hoped she would come back to the Rebellion and leave the Horde in the dust. As Bow tried to comfort Adora, what he told her echoed not only the sentiment of his dads, when they found out he was a rebellion fighter, but his apology to her the last time he was in Plumeria. He spoke for himself and for Glimmer.

"I thought we were being supportive...but we were really being terrible! Neither of us knew you had felt that way, but we'll try to be better friends. We like you no matter what and think you are an awesome person!"

A smile spread across Adora's face. She was so glad she had supportive friends who were trying to encourage her, friends who would be with her no matter what, no matter what path she took. Perhaps she had been a little harsh and too defensive. Sometimes her emotions snapped over inconsequential questions or speech since she was constantly stressed from the burden placed on her. She was expected to be the savior of Etheria, especially when she was She-Ra. Even so, she would not abandon her friends, the Rebellion, nor Etheria. She would not return to the Horde. It was a lot of pressure to be She-Ra, but going back to the Fright Zone meant a return to abuse, manipulation, and violence. That was something she was free of as a member of the Rebellion, apart from occasional skirmishes with the Horde's forces.

Perfuma understood where Adora was coming from. Unlike her, she tried to approach problems in a much more positive manner. She was glad to meet Pearl, Adora's new friend. She stretched out her arms and hugged tightly.

"It's so nice to properly meet you Pearl! Adora has chosen her friends well...you are so lovely! I could sense that from our encounter in Bright Moon but now I am completely certain."

She paused, with happiness radiating throughout her body. She wanted it to be like the last time Adora, Bow, and Glimmer had been there, without the Horde killing the plant life of course. That meant they would all have a big party together! She spoke to the rest of those in Plumeria in hopes of drumming up support for her idea, getting fellow citizens to help her out.

"Gather around everyone! Let us welcome these guests to our wonderful home...with a huge celebration and feast. Bring out the wind chimes, ready the drum circles, and prepare for dancing! We are going to have a great time!"

While Adora and Pearl told Perfuma that this wasn't necessary, she insisted on it. So, to be agreeable, they played along. Everyone else was happy and glad to enjoy a party. They felt it would be a way to wind down, so they didn't have to think about the destruction of the Crystal Castle earlier that day, almost killing or poofing them.

Chapter 3: Act III.

Chapter Notes

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Elsewhere on Etheria, others were plotting and scheming to tear the Rebellion down and shroud the planet in darkness. One of those places was the Fright Zone. Hordak cracked his fingers and snickered. His beady red eyes looked at the huge screens in front of him. Displayed was information about their hacking of Black Garnet runestone and recent shattering of the Crystal Castle. He asked Entrapta, who sat nearby, about the progress of their plan. Entrapta, who had an almost slavish dedication to "science" no matter how much it hurt the planet, excitedly answered him. She had an excited look in her magenta-colored eyes as her prehensile lilac hair quickly tapped on the keyboard.

"Progress is going great! Our hack of Light Hope was a success...and the crumpling of that crystalline structure means it will be so much easier to get First One's tech for our machines. The Rebellion will think it's gone and done for, allowing us to go in without a trace. Now, if we could hack into all the runestones, perhaps we could even track the princesses...this...I must say...is all so exciting!"

Hordak praised her on the progress she had made up to this point, even though she was a princess. She was not only an inventor but a tech genius. He saw her as essential, part of his bigger plan to crush the Rebellion. Adora becoming a Force Captain was his first method to crush the rebels and rout the Princess Alliance. Making Catra a Force Captain was a backup pan. This hadn't worked out how he had hoped. Catra had been clumsy. She had lost the Battle of Bright Moon, allowing the Whispering Woods to regrow, let a Horde-controlled fortress to fall into the hands of the Rebellion, and not disabled the Salineas Sea Gate, among many other blunders. The latter also included getting herself captured. Entrapta was, on the other hand, much *more reliable* for Hordak to fulfill his schemes.

While the Gems and the Best Friend Squad, as they fashioned themselves, did not know the extent of Entrapta's involvement, they sensed that something was wrong. But they did not worry about that for the time being. Instead, they took a break and enjoyed themselves. Stevonnie showed off her killer dance moves, as did Garnet. Amazonite flew from tree to tree with delight. Glimmer, Bow, and Amethyst enjoyed the food. Pearl and Adora sat off to the side, laughing at each other's jokes, teasing each other, as they had done before.

As the sun went down, they had nowhere else to go. Some villagers offered their lodging, but they did not want to impose too much, so they only accepted bedding materials and slept alongside Perfuma near the base of the tree which contained the Heart Blossom. Everyone, including the Gems, seemed to be asleep, with Lapis and Peri unfusing for the night because

they felt too tired to stay fused together while they slept. But there were two people who were not asleep: Adora and Pearl. They stayed up as the light from the night sky shined on the ground.

They walked through the Whispering Woods, thanks to Pearl's gem serving as a sort-of-flashlight, together and reached a rock outcropping that overlooked a lake. This lake was something the Horde had overlooked when they came through the Woods before, partly because they didn't know the terrain as well as those who lived there. Adora held Pearl's hands tightly. She declared something that surprised Pearl, who saw them as friends and nothing more.

"I really admire you, Pearl, your elegance, knack for organization and order, and your inspirational talks. Bow and Glimmer are nice and all, but you are really a friend I wish I had known sooner. I wish you could stay here forever."

Pearl was flattered but was cautious. They had only recently met and because of this, they did not know each other that well yet. That was the word of warning that she gave Adora, while remaining supportive and blushing at her praise. "I'm glad that you like those qualities and see me as a true friend...but we barely know each other...Garnet says love is something that grows over time, not something that happens instantly or quickly. The same is the case for friendship."

While Adora was a bit dismayed, she was glad that Pearl acknowledged her feelings, even if she only saw her as a friend. She moved over to Pearl and proceeded to hug her, excited that they saw each other eye-to-eye on this connection. She cried a little when telling Pearl what she felt at that time. "You are so interesting and fascinating...and I want to get to know you better...I want us to be the best of friends!"

Pearl hugged her back, as she knew that Adora was a kindred soul who would do nothing to hurt her. She was different than Steven or Rose/Pink Diamond in that she was more relatable in a lot of ways. How could she not like Adora? She was a swordfighter, liked strategizing and organizing, and could transform into a warrior that was eight feet tall. She then stopped hugging and proceeded to hold Adora's hand. Adora did the same. They stood together, upright, on the rock overlooking the lake, shouting out for all to hear:

"Pearl and Adora together...we are Peadora united!"

Afterwards, they chuckled with other about this and made their way back to Plumeria. They fell asleep alongside the others, who were fast asleep.

Chapter 4: Act IV.

Chapter Notes

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After everyone woke up, they were greeted by Pearl and Adora, who seemed unnecessarily cheery to everyone else who did not know they had an intimate heart-to-heart talk the previous night. Everyone readied their things and walked out of the Kingdom of Plumeria, waving goodbye to the hospitable citizens and Perfuma, promising to return. On their way back to Bright Moon, they encountered a few Horde robots, obviously created by Entrapta. None of these robots seemed to have offensive capabilities. Instead, they were outfitted with digging and grabbing implements. The reason for this was not known. Curious about their purpose, they discreetly followed the robots through the woods.

They could see where these robots were heading. They were moving to the ruins of the Crystal Castle. These robots were after one thing in particular: First One's tech. Through the clearing, they could see a legion of Horde soldiers commanded by Catra, awaiting the arrival of Horde robots so they could cart away the tech, then use it to crush the Rebellion. They didn't expect any trouble. They were sadly mistaken.

Adora and Pearl brought everyone together, telling them they had a plan. They would surround the robots and Horde soldiers from all sides of the clearing, engaging in an ambush. Adora was proud of this plan. She saw it as a way to get back at the Horde and Catra herself. She wasn't sure how she felt about Catra now, but she didn't see her a friend, not like in the past.

"The Horde needs to be shown who's in charge in these woods. Catra needs to be put back in her place, to slink back to the Fright Zone in defeat. If we let them take any First One's tech then...the Rebellion is over."

Peri, since she was unfused with Lapis, had developed listening devices to place on Catra so they could learn what the Horde was up to. These devices would be placed on her after they knocked her out cold, at least that was the plan. While Adora would go after Catra, the others would take care of the robots and Horde soldiers, knocking them out of commission. As the plan was being explained, Lapis walked over to Peri, asking if they could re-fuse. She happily agreed. They held hands tightly and Amazonite was reformed. With that, Pearl announced their ambush with the words "are you ready?" Everyone nodded in agreement.

Energy blasts came from everywhere, with Horde soldiers knocked unconscious. Their weapons fired here, there, and everywhere, with no order or reason. Soldiers were lifted and thrown in the air, and away from the clearing. Many ran away in fear. It was utter chaos.

Catra was surprised *no one* seemed to be going after her. She commanded the robots to continue onward. "Keep digging for that First One tech. This little distraction isn't going to stop us!"

Her hope was dashed quickly. The robots fell left and right from Bow's arrows, Amethyst's electrified whip, Pearl's energy blasts from her spears, Glimmer's blasts of light energy, and the slashing and bashing by the three Gem fusions: Garnet, Stevonnie, and Amazonite. Only one robot remained. Catra looked behind her to see Adora. She announced herself in a cold, calculating, and creepy way that Catra had often used toward Adora time and time again. She added her own thoughts to the end. "Hey Catra. You are *old news* to me. I don't care about you anymore. Enjoy your sleepy time. Tell Hordak he's lost."

Catra prepared herself to react, unsure how she thought about Adora. But... it was too late. Adora's sword, transformed into a hammer, hit Catra on the head. It knocked her out cold before she could get to say a word. Adora had a new friend now, Pearl, and she *didn't need* Catra anymore. She saw her as the enemy, like the rest of the Horde. It was time, in summation, to forget her and move on with her life. Bow soon ran over to attach the small listening devices to Catra's left and right ears, beginning the plan of secret surveillance on the Horde itself. The devices were so small they couldn't be felt or detected, and easily nestled in the skin. Their range was very wide, planet-wide to be exact. They were programmed to connect with Bow's tracker pad, so they could listen to anything with precision.

Everyone surrounded the last remaining robot and tied it down. Bow stepped forward and spoke into the camera perched atop the robot's shell. He knew Entrapta was watching from the other side, seeing all of this unfold. So, he addressed his message directly to her. "Entrapta, someday you'll regret all this and realize the destruction you have caused to this planet and its inhabitants...what you are doing is wrong...it's not for science, as you may think, it's for evil. I hope you change your mind."

Entrapta indeed was watching on the other side. She saw the monitor go dark. All her robots had gone offline and they *had not* retrieved First One's tech. The mission had been an utter failure. She still had one trick up her sleeve. While it seemed too cruel, she decided to do it anyway. Bow's words had not moved her because she was so happy in the Fright Zone. It seemed like home to her.

Back in the Crystal Castle ruins, Bow noticed that the one remaining robot was blinking in the eye like it was going to explode. He alerted the others. Garnet easily picked it up and threw it into the air, away from the clearing, where it blew up into a thousand pieces. Now, the question remained...what would they do with Catra? Of all people, Bow had a plan.

"Why don't we bring her back to the Fright Zone? Maybe we could even put her in her bed and she might forget this whole thing ever happened."

While it was risky, that did not mean it couldn't be done. Everyone else stayed behind...to wait. Amethyst transformed herself into a Horde soldier. Bow, Glimmer and Adora took up uniforms as her escorts. Surprisingly, security was light. They talked through the Fright Zone and place her in her bed. Just before she woke up, they left the Fright Zone undetected thanks to Glimmer's teleportation powers. It was so quick that it didn't even register on Entrapta's systems.

They regrouped at the ruins of the Crystal Castle. Debating what to do, Amazonite came up with an idea. When she was unfused as Lapis in Bright Moon, Mermista and Frosta had praised her abilities, although their own magical powers were impressive. She suggested that they visit both princesses, wherever they lived on Etheria. Glimmer explained that would be tough because the Kingdom of Snows, where Frosta resided, and the Kingdom of Salineas, where Mermista resided, were nowhere near each other, requiring some mode of transportation. Even so, she thought that this idea had merit, especially since Mermista or Frosta could help them with their ultimate plan, as could the other princesses, of bringing the war to the Horde.

Thanks to the ability of the Gems to shapeshift there was no need to use someone like Sea Hawk. They could easily change into a form of transportation at will. Adora and Pearl, the planners and strategists of the group, heartily agreed. Amethyst transformed herself into a motorboat, something she had not done before, carrying Pearl, Garnet, and Adora. Amazonite carried Stevonnie, Glimmer, and Bow. Her fusion was able to carry more people than she would otherwise be able to. They were off to the Kingdom of Salineas and hoped they would hear what the Horde was up to soon...

End Notes

The She-Ra fandom pages for Horde Robot, Plumeria, Hordak, Entrapta, and Perfuma were helpful for this story, as was the page of Pearl quotes on the Steven Universe fandom. What Adora says ("I'm done with everyone trying to figure out my relationships. She's my friend...and I'm never letting go!") is an obvious variant of what Lapis said when she merged with Jasper ("I'm done being everyone's prisoner! Now you're MY prisoner! And I'm never letting you go!...Let's stay on this miserable planet, together!"). I also used episode scripts on Springfield, Springfield for a few episodes of She-Ra ("Reunion", "Shadows of Mystacor", "Flowers for Mystacor") for Bow's dialogue at certain parts. The mention of Samurai Jack is a reference to the earlier part of this series, formerly part of a mini-series entitled "Dimensional Drift: Samurai Jack in Etheria." I know the name is "Mara" in the usual show, but I want to tie in some of the stuff from my other fan fiction, so I changed it to Maura. The part about the spare room in the castle with the energy field comes from new season of She-Ra as does the lines about Catra, although she is a lot more cold here than she was in the actual show! Honestly, I think Swift Wind is the most annoying character, so I don't mind having him be insulted in the first paragraph. I was so glad he wasn't in Season 3!

Update #1: I'm not sure I detest Swift Wind as much as I did when I originally wrote this, but I will still say he isn't my favorite character. I can see his value and importance to the story.

Update #2: On 6/13/25, I decided to restrict comments on this fic to only registered users after receiving three spam comments. For those guest users who don't have accounts, I'm sorry but the spam accounts are to blame here.

Please drop by the Archive and comment to let the creator know if you enjoyed their work!